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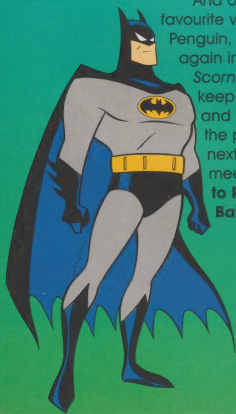
INTRODUCTION

Waiting for you on the coming pages are lots of stories to read and games to play.

This month Harley Quinn is up to no good. When she robs a shop and the police seem to take no interest, the store owner decides to go in search of justice, himself.

Many of you have written in telling us how you not only love Batman, but all the other DC Comics super heroes as well. So, **I Love to Read Batman** brings you another story starring the Flash. Freak weather and cyclones are all in a day's work for the Fastest Man Alive in, *Weather Terror*.

And one of your favourite villains, the Penguin, is back again in, *A Penguin Scorned*. So keep reading and working out the puzzles until next time we meet in **I Love to Read Batman**.



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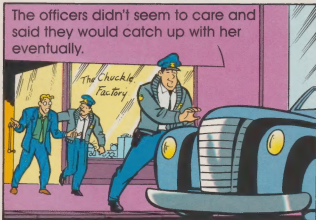
Late one night, Harley Quinn was out shopping in her own unique way...



But the police were not far behind. They released Chester Deets, the store owner, who told them that Harley Quinn had only just left.



The officers didn't seem to care and said they would catch up with her eventually.



They left to answer another call, leaving Chester astonished.



Chester decided that if the police were not interested, then he would catch Harley himself.



And after hours of looking, her finally found her.



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LALA-
LALA!

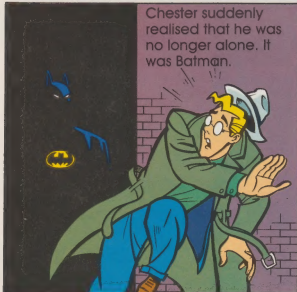


But she was too busy to notice him.



NOW
THAT'S WHAT I
CALL WINDOW
SHOPPING!

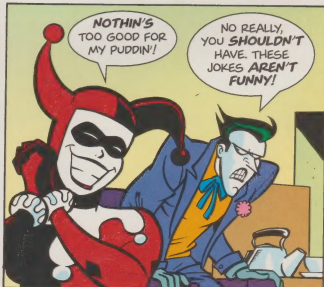
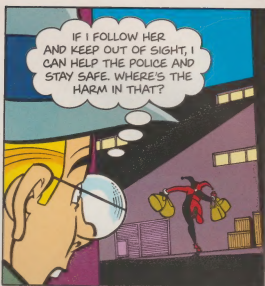
Chester suddenly realised that he was no longer alone. It was Batman.



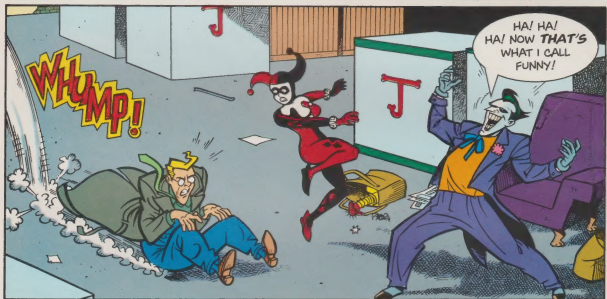
GO HOME,
MISTER DEETS.
HARLEY'S MORE
DANGEROUS THAN
YOU THINK.

LEAVE
THIS KIND OF
WORK TO THE
LAW.





Suddenly...



But the Joker's amusement soon turned sour.





Batman had been working with the police. They let Harley think she had got away with her crimes...



...so she would lead them to the Joker who had escaped from Arkham Asylum.



WE'VE GOT JUST THE CAGE FOR YOU LOVEBIRDS!



Batman had been right. Chester should have left the job to the law.



THE END



A pleasant dinner for two turns into a stormy night in...

WEATHER TERROR!

It was a warm summer evening in Keystone City. Wally West — the super-fast super hero known as the Flash was having a quiet dinner with his girlfriend, television reporter Linda Park. They were sitting at an outdoor café, enjoying the pleasant evening air.

Suddenly, a very cold wind whipped up around them.

"It's getting chilly out here," Linda said. Then a moment later she cried, "Wally! It's snowing!"

It was snowing so hard, in fact, that the street was already almost covered.

"It looks like a blizzard," he agreed. "But a snowstorm — in summer? I'm going to the weather centre outside town to investigate." He told Linda.

"They should have this storm on radar."

"This is definitely news," said Linda. "I'll call the station and get a TV crew out here."

"Stay out of trouble," Wally told her. "You too, Speedy."

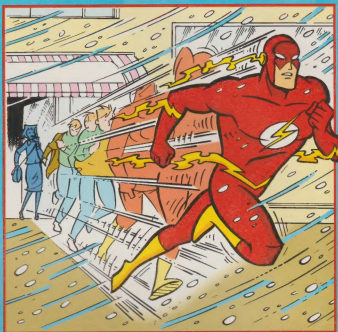
Leaving the restaurant, Wally pulled on his Flash costume. He zipped forwards at superspeed, becoming a red blur.

The weather centre was four kilometres out of town, but the Flash was there in five seconds. As he entered the control room, a young woman looked up from her console. Her name-tag read Dr. Lorraine Steele.

"Flash! I'm glad you're here. We have strange weather popping up all over the Keystone area."

"You mean it's not just a blizzard?"

"Oh, no, there's more. Look!" She pointed to the radar screens. "This one is the blizzard, which is now becoming an ice storm with freezing rain. This one



here —," she pointed to a growing green patch, "is becoming a tornado. The cold air front created by the blizzard is mixing with the regular warm air, creating cyclone winds."

"How can this be happening?" Flash asked.

Dr. Steele went to a computer that displayed satellite pictures of the city. "We have no idea. The only thing that's certain is that they are all beginning on the western outskirts of the city."

"Then that's where I'm heading," Flash said. But as he turned to the door, his eye caught sight of a television. Linda was reporting on the weather. The wind was whipping her hair and she was wincing as icy rain pelted her skin.

"Due to rapidly freezing rain," she said, "power transformers have been exploding all over the city of Keystone, leaving most of it in a blackout. In the darkness, looters are taking to the streets, terrorising shop and home

owners—"

Just then, the camera turned from Linda to show a gang of looters in the distance. They were breaking a jewellery store window and grabbing the valuable merchandise from its shelves.

The camera returned to Linda. "Stay tuned to this station as we bring you further updates."

The Flash's face clouded with concern. "Call the police, Dr. Steele, and tell them I'm heading into town to deal with the looting. I'll investigate the source of this later."

Before Dr. Steele could reply, the Flash had gone.

"Linda is so close to the action," thought Flash. "She's a good reporter, but I hope she stays out of trouble."

In several seconds, Flash was at the city's border. But he quickly realised the mistake of speeding into freezing rain.

Ice.

His boots hit the pavement and he slid — careering down the street, waving his arms wildly as he narrowly avoided cars and pedestrians. He grabbed a light pole, but it too was covered with ice. Spinning around it several times, the Flash let go and flew backwards into a pile of rubbish bins.

The Flash shook his head to refocus his eyes. "Ouch," he said. Standing up slowly he gazed down the street which was almost pitch black.

"This is going to be tough in the dark," he thought. "With this slippery ground I'll have to move like a speed skater rather than a runner. And I guess I'll just have to go more slowly."

With that, he started off again. Half sliding and half running, he managed to get his speed up to 800 kilometres per hour! Soon he came upon a gang of four looters stealing televisions and computers from an electronics shop. They were placing their stash in a large black pickup truck that had snow chains on its tyres.

In five seconds, Flash zipped around the truck and removed the chains from the tyres. His speed made him nearly invisible. As three of the crooks went back in the store, Flash grabbed the lone lookout. He wrapped the crook in the chains and placed his gloved hand on his mouth.

The thug's eyes bulged as he found himself face to face with the super hero. "You had to know this storm was coming or you wouldn't have had time to put snow chains on the truck," said the Flash. "Who set you up to this?"

The thug shook his head and grunted.

"Look, you're going to jail whether you tell me or not, so you might as well tell me. Right?"





Hesitantly, the man nodded and the Flash removed his hand. The thug screamed, "KADABRA!"

The other criminals, alerted by his cry, ran out of the store. Seeing the Flash, they too yelled, "KADABRA!"

And then, along with their truck and all the loot, they vanished.

The Flash stood stunned for a second.

"Abra Kadabra! The mad magician from the 63rd century!" he thought. "He came to our time to commit crimes with technology so advanced, it seemed like magic. When I put him in jail he vowed revenge. I have to stop him before he destroys Keystone!"

Following Dr. Steele's information, he ran towards the western outskirts of the city. Passing the city limits, the Flash could see lightning in the sky over a small building on a construction site. "I bet that's where he is," he thought. "One thing's for sure; Kadabra likes a show."

He sped into the building. From behind a pile of crates, he heard Kadabra yell at his henchmen.

"What happened?" demanded the villain. "Why did you return so soon?"

"The Flash was there!" cried one of the thugs.

"What? My ice didn't slow him?"

"Nopel!" Flash grinned, as he zipped from his hiding place. Sweeping the room, he quickly knocked out the henchmen then stopped next to Abra Kadabra.

"Now, what made you think you were going to get away with this?" said the Flash.

Kadabra met the hero's gaze. "What makes you think I haven't?" said the villain. "I knew you'd forget about the tornado when you saw the looting." He grinned. "Creating it took some time, but your city will be torn apart. A just repayment for your earlier meddling!"

The villain pointed to the television station that was broadcasting Linda's report. Flash could see her out in the storm, keeping calm as the winds grew in strength.

"She's your girlfriend, isn't she?" said Kadabra, grinning. "My condolences."

"This is really stupid, Kadabra," said Flash. "First of all, midwestern Americans know to go to low ground in a tornado. Funnel clouds are as common as corn around here. Linda knows what to do when the storm gets too close."

"More importantly," he added, "we know that tornados can only move at a top speed of 60 kilometres an hour. And I'm much faster than that!"

"Oh?" Kadabra leered. "But this is a **cyclone!** I control it's speed and right now it's heading for Keystone at 400 kilometres an hour!" An evil gleam glistened in Kadabra's eyes. "And it's getting **faster**. Let's see you beat that!"



The Flash looked at the television in alarm. Linda was holding onto the news van to keep her footing and the camera was shifting with the wind. She looked frightened.

Flash turned, wrapped up the magician and sped from the construction site carrying the villain. Kadabra squirmed and howled for a whole ten seconds before he found himself lying in front of two stunned policemen.

The Flash increased his speed running towards the cyclone. First he was pelted with rain — thrown at a speed that made the droplets feel like icy nails against his skin. Then hail began to fall, slowing him with a wall of ice bullets. Looking up, Flash saw a large tree swinging towards him in the wind. He dived forward and rolled underneath it, avoiding the missile by a few centimetres.

Pushing his speed almost to its limits, the Scarlet Speedster ran around the funnel cloud, opposite to the direction in which it was spinning. Dust and debris flew at him, stinging his face and almost

blinding his eyes with sharp grains of sand. The Flash ran around the cloud even harder creating a force of wind that stopped the storm and caused the 300 metre tall cyclone to dissolve. All that was left of it was a pile of collected rubble on the ground.

Resting for a moment on his knees, Flash wearily inspected the scene. Then he headed back to the city to find Linda. He found her by her news van, windblown but unhurt.

"Am I ever glad to see you," he said. "With the looters and that cyclone, I was worried."

"I was worried about you too," said Linda. "Are you alright?"

"I'm a little bruised," Flash replied, "but it was worth it to save the city and get Kadabra behind bars."

Linda looked at him in surprise. "You mean you don't know? Kadabra disappeared a few minutes after the police put him in the paddy wagon."

"I should have known they couldn't hold him for long." Flash said with a sigh. "Even so, I believe he'll think twice before blowing through this town again!"

THE END

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BATMAN™ WORKBOOK


IT'S A JOKE


Here are some of the Joker's favourite jokes. The punch lines, however, have got mixed up! Work out which answer goes with which joke then tell them to your friends for a laugh!


- 
1. What do you get if you cross a mouse with an elephant?
A. Spookhetti!


- 
2. Why did Batman drive the Batmobile into the river?
B. Because the poor didn't have any money!


- 
3. What goes ha, ha, ha, bonk?
C. A hot dog!


- 
4. What is a ghost's favourite meal?
D. Big holes in the skirtingboard!


- 
5. What do you get if you cross a pig with a motorway?
E. Gooseberries!

- 
6. What type of dog doesn't have a tail?
F. The Joker laughing his head off!

- 
7. What do geese eat?
G. A road hog!

- 
8. How do you count cows?
H. Runner beans!

- 
9. Why did Harley Quinn rob the rich?
I. To dip his headlights!

- 
10. Which vegetables are the fastest?
J. With a cow-culator!



FIT THEM IN

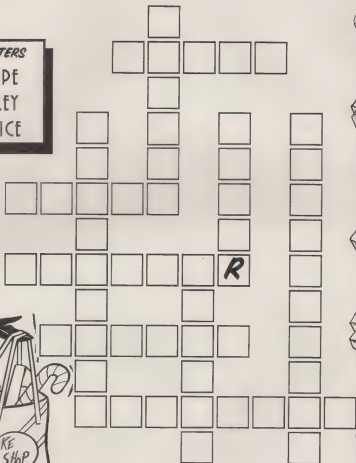
All the words in the boxes appear in the story, *For the Man Who Has Everything*. See if you can fit them into the grid of squares.

5 LETTERS

CATCH
FUNNY
JOKER

6 LETTERS

ESCAPE
HARLEY
POLICE



7 LETTERS
CHESTER

9 LETTERS
DANGEROUS

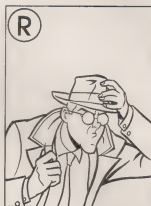
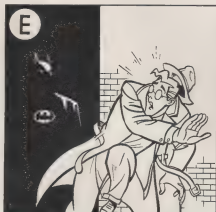
8 LETTERS
SHOPPING

10 LETTERS
HOMECOMING



ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's first comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-8)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



p	r	e	s	e	n	t	s
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

IN THE NEWS

Gotham Gazette reporter, Mister Haverstock, sent in the following news item. He sent it by fax, but some of the words came out blurred. Some possible words are given to fill in the gaps. Can you work out which is the correct one in each case?

Billionaire playboy, Bruce Wayne made a rare public **SPEECH/DANCE/APPEARANCE** at the society party of the year last evening. But the surprise of the **EVENT/RACE/WEDDING** came when the **OSTRICH/PENGUIN/SEAGULL** suddenly appeared.

He was rather angry and called the partygoers "a motley mob of empty headed, self important, self indulgent **SNIPS/SUBS/SNOBS.**" On his signal, **FISH/BIRDS/PIGS** flew down to **PAINT/EAT/STEAL** jewellery and other valuables.

Within seconds **BATCOP/ROBIN/BATMAN** was on the scene. The arch criminal tried to make a getaway but fell onto the **CAR/TABLE/BOOK** with a resounding **BASH/CRASH/TRASH.**

I thought it was the best evening's entertainment I'd enjoyed for a long time so I began to **WALK/COOK/CLAP.** The rest of the guests took my lead and they too began to **APPLAUD/DANCE/DO SOMERSAULTS.**

The arch villain was **PUSHED/PRAISED/ARRESTED** and is now behind **CURTAINS/BARS/TIME** in Blackgate **LIBRARY/PRISON/MUSEUM.** However, he is already much in demand to **JUGGLE/SPEAK/PERFORM** at other parties once he is **LAUNCHED/RELEASED/INITIATED.** Before very long, he is destined to be the **BREAD/CEREAL/TOAST** of the town!



COLOURING



OUT OF THE HAT

Abra Kadabra's spell has got a bit confused! Unscramble the letters in the words coming out of the hat to spell some different types of bad weather!



WEATHER SIGNS

You often see pictures like these on weather maps. Can you guess what type of weather each sign means?

1



2



3



4



5



DOT TO DOT

This scene is taken from the story, *Weather Terror*. Take a pencil and join the dots to find out what is chasing the Flash.





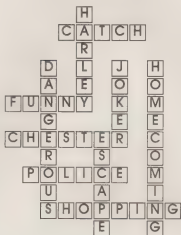
ANSWERS



IT'S A JOKE

1=D: 2=I: 3=F:
4=A: 5=G: 6=C:
7=E: 8=J: 9=B:
10=H.

FIT THEM IN



ALL MIXED UP

The word is PRESENTS



IN THE NEWS

APPEARANCE • EVENT •
PENGUIN • SNOBS • BIRDS •
STEAL • BATMAN • TABLE •
CRASH • CLAP • APPLAUD •
ARRESTED • BARS • PRISON •
SPEAK • RELEASED • TOAST.



OUT OF THE HAT

RAIN - CYCLONE - HAIL -
WHIRLWIND - SNOW

WEATHER SIGNS

1. LIGHTNING
2. CLOUDY
3. SUNNY
4. SNOW
5. RAINY



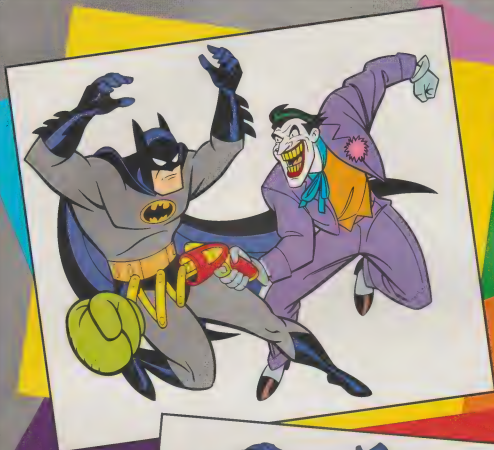
DOT TO DOT

The Flash is being chased
by a large tree trunk.





SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



- Answers: 1. Batman's left-hand index finger is missing.
2. Batman's cape is folded more on the left.
3. Batman's right boot has no reflection mark.
4. The Joker's hair has changed.
5. The Joker's flower is missing.
6. The Joker's right foot is missing.
7. The punching glove is missing its thumb and
8. The punching glove's spring is missing a nut.

AFTER THE MURDER OF HIS PARENTS, YOUNG BRUCE WAYNE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO AVENGING THEIR DEATHS. NOW HE WAGES WAR AGAINST GOTHAM CITY'S CRIMINALS AS BATMAN, THE DARK KNIGHT! OF HIS MANY FOES, NONE IS MORE COLORFUL THAN THE BIRD-LOVING, MONEY-GRUBBING, DAPPERLY-DRESSED DEVIANT KNOWN AS THE PENGUIN!

BATMAN IN A PENGUIN SCORNED



LOOK AT THEM. GOTHAM'S "HIGH SOCIETY." FILING IN UNSUSPECTINGLY FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THE LATEST IN A LONG LINE OF PARTIES, BENEFITS, ROASTS, AND THE LIKE.

LITTLE DO THEY KNOW THAT THEY MARCH TO THEIR DOOM!

AND SO POORLY DRESSED, TOO. LOOK AT THAT HAT!

KELLEY
PUCKETT
WRITER

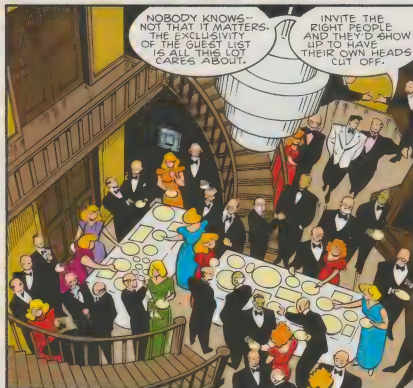
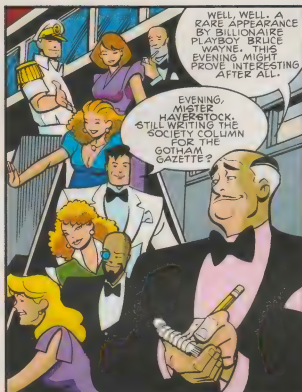
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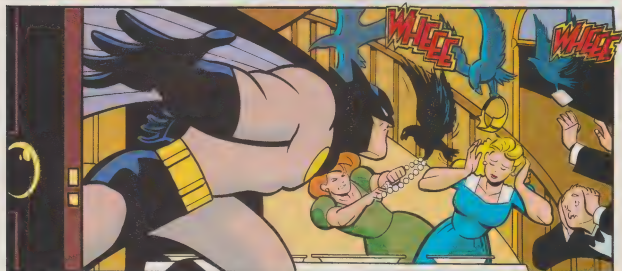


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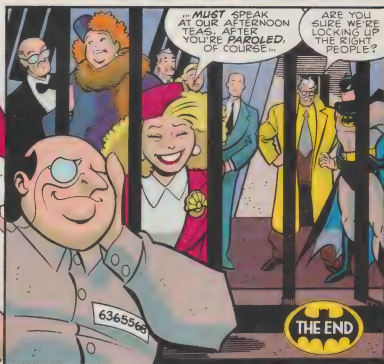
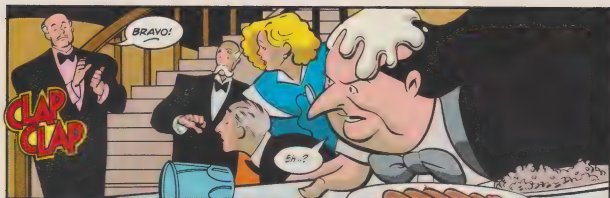














Penguin's PUNS

WHAT CITY IS DANGEROUS
TO CATWOMAN?
CURIOS-CITY.

WHERE DOES
CATWOMAN VACATION
DURING THE WINTER?
MEOW-IN BEACH.

WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU
CROSS A PENGUIN AND A SKUNK?
SOMETHING THAT STINKS ON ICE!

WHAT CRIME DID THE PENGUIN
ACCUSE BATMAN OF?
ASSAULT AND BAT-TERY.

WHAT WILL GO UP A CHIMNEY
DOWN, BUT WON'T GO DOWN
A CHIMNEY UP?
THE PENGUIN'S UMBRELLA!

**Why does
Batman
always
outsmart
the
Penguin?
The
Penguin's a
bird-brain.**

WHY IS IT BETTER TO BE
CATWOMAN THAN A FROG?
**CATWOMAN HAS NINE LIVES,
BUT A FROG CROAKS ALL
THE TIME.**

What does
Alfred make
cookies with?
Bat-ter.

WHY DOES BATMAN BRUSH HIS
TEETH?
TO PREVENT BAT BREATH.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
CATWOMAN AND A COMMA?
**ONE HAS CLAWS AT THE END OF
HER PAWS; A COMMA IS A PAUSE AT
THE END OF A CLAUSE.**

WHAT WAS BATMAN'S NAME
WHEN HE FOUGHT THE PENGUIN?
BRUISED WAYNE!

What's the difference between
Batman and the Penguin?
One has Robin, the other *is* robbin'.

WHO DID THE PENGUIN
DISLIKE AT THE
BASEBALL GAME?
THE BAT-BOY.



BIRD-BRAINED JOKES

DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

HERE WE ARE AGAIN WITH MORE LETTERS YOU'VE SENT US. SORRY WE CAN'T FIT IN ALL YOUR MAIL BUT KEEP WRITING, DRAWING AND TAKING PHOTOS AND WE WILL KEEP PRINTING AS MANY AS WE CAN!



BY JONATHAN PAYNE
NETHERTON



BY CHRISTOPHER BELL
BROXBORNE



DOMINIC MOORES
NASSINGTON

BY LOUIS RUSSELL
S. HARROW



FLASH SUPERMAN BATMAN



BY SEAN MCCORMIL
BIRMINGHAM

Dear I Love to Read Batman,
I share my comic with my brother, John. I am a great fan of Batman and I get the comic every month. I read it all the way through and do the puzzles. My favourite story was the one with Mr. Freeze.

from Joseph Bunker
Manchester



BY ANDREW BROWN
NORTHAMPTON



GREEN
LANTERN

BY ENKTOVSHIN
MONGOLIA

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR LETTER, JOKE,
PICTURE OR PHOTOGRAPH PRINTED IN I
LOVE TO READ BATMAN, SEND IT TO:

THE EDITOR
C/O I LOVE TO READ BATMAN
DYNAMIC DISPATCHES
THE REDAN COMPANY
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LONDON W6 9JG

SORRY WE CANNOT WRITE BACK TO YOU
INDIVIDUALLY BUT WE WILL PRINT AS MANY OF YOUR
LETTERS AS WE CAN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE
YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND SAE IF YOU WANT
YOUR PHOTOS RETURNED.

IMOGEN HOWSTAN
CROUSTON



BY GARY MCALLISTER
STIRLING

Dear I Love to Read Batman,

I love Batman and other heroes
so that's why I like your comic. Can
you please print a list of villains
from the Batman stories. My
favourite villain is the Joker.

From James Wiffen
Broadstone

Thanks for your letter, James.

Here's the list of Batman's enemies
you wanted: The Joker, Harley Quinn,
Catwoman, Two-Face, Mr. Freeze,
Clayface, Killer Croc, The Penguin,
Poison Ivy, Scarecrow, The Riddler,
Man-Bat, The Mad Hatter and Ra's al
Ghul!

The Editor



TWO FACE

BY CHRISTOPHER
O'DONNELL
LONDON

IN THE NEXT ISSUE...



In the intriguing story,
Cats and Gods,
Catwoman is on
the prowl again!
This time she may
have met her
match in the form
of a mysterious
woman who watches
over a precious collection
of antique artifacts.



A series of
robberies on
the subway
leads Batman
and the police
to search for
Killer Croc.

The razor- toothed villain does
not give in easily and Batman
has to battle with him in the
darkness of the underground.

In a nightmare
of a story,
Superman has
to confront his
unstoppable,
monstrous
enemy,
Doomsday.
This is not a
story for the
faint hearted!



And look out for next month's great gift!

A BATMAN JOTTER PAD!

THE REAL HARLEY!

Only one of these pictures of Harley Quinn is correct.
By pairing up all the incorrect Harleys find the real one!



Answers: 1=4; 2=8; 3=5; 6=10; 9=11; 7 is the real Harley.